

In the Specification:

Please amend the Specification as follows:

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 7 line 12 as follows:

-- The feature of the magnetic head of the present embodiment is a magnetic thin film 19, which is formed on the upper magnetic pole 18 and which faces a write-gap A. The magnetic thin film 19 comprises: a base layer 19a made of piled FeCo/NiFe; and a plated layer 19b made of FeCo.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 7 line 16 as follows:

-- Since the plated layer 19b made of FeCo is formed on the base layer 19a made of FeCo/NiFe, the magnetic thin film 19 has high saturation magnetic flux density and a low coercive force. By employing the magnetic thin film 19 as at least a part of magnetic pole cores facing the write-gap A, recording density can be highly improved.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 7 line 21 as follows:

-- Note that, a magnetic layer 17 of an end magnetic pole section 16 of the lower magnetic pole 14 may be made of the magnetic thin film, which included the base layer 19a made of FeCo/NiFe and the plated layer 19b made of FeCo.